



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

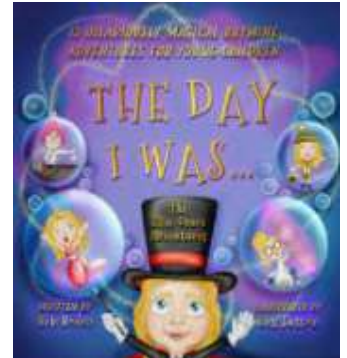
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"If you want light to come into your life, you need to stand where it is shining."

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, as part of National Poetry Day, we had a visit from new poet Ben Boden! The children first met Ben on Zoom during the last lockdown and have since become firm fans of his work. He visited each class and read them some of his new poems, which he hopes to publish imminently. He was also very impressed with the display Mr Rowley created of the poem he wrote especially for our school! You will get to meet him for yourselves very soon as he will be returning to school at the PFA Christmas Fair on Friday 3 December 2021. We look forward to seeing him there, where he will also be selling signed copies of his latest book.



Find out what else has been going on in school by reading the 'Shobnall Showcase' later on in our newsletter.

Unfortunately, we have had a positive case of COVID-19 in school this week. It was reported in our Year 1 class and as a result, some additional temporary measures have been introduced to try and

minimise any further transmission. All close contacts have been advised to book a PCR test and we just wanted to provide you with some clarification on testing. A lateral flow test (LFD) should only be used if your child is asymptomatic, but they may have been in close contact with a positive case or you are completing routine checks. If your child has any symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss of taste or smell) then a PCR test should be used. If you have any questions or need any advice, please ask.



Finally, the YMCA would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to all involved in collecting food for our Harvest Festival this week. It will make a huge difference to many hungry lives as, sadly, the YMCA are

helping record numbers of people every week who are in need of emergency parcels. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated! Thank you!

We hope that you have a great weekend and, as always, we look forward to seeing you again on Monday! Enjoy!



PFA Disco – Friday 15 October 2021

The PFA are selling tickets for the disco every morning before school on the key stage 1 playground and are priced at £2.50. We do hope that you will be able to support this event and please look out for the PFA newsletter later on in the term!



MY SCHOOL FUND

In association with

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'My School Fund' Initiative

We announced some time ago that Shobnall Primary & Nursery School has joined the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend, you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

How to get involved

Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link to Shobnall Primary School. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at myschoolfund.org.

Year 7 Secondary School Applications

Please be aware, if you haven't done so already that the deadline for our year 6 parents to apply for secondary school places is 31 October 2021.

Shobnall Stars

The staff at Shobnall Stars are in desperate need of some board games. If you are having a clear out at home and have any going spare that you are able to donate, the staff and children will be very grateful. Likewise, if you have any unwanted toys then these will also be very gratefully received. Please contact Mrs Marston via shb-wraparound@shb.itmat.co.uk if you have any questions around their suitability. Many thanks!



Shobnall Primary & Nursery School Vs The Mosley Academy

Last night bought a fantastic result for our football team who had an amazing win against The Mosley Academy – the final score was 13 – 1. The goal scorers were Ashton (5), Cruz (1), Charlie (3), Ameen (3) and Qayyam (1). Well done to everyone and thanks for all the support from the side lines and from Mr Bishop.

Online Safety Tips



Produced in collaboration with Home Office PREVENT and the West Midlands Police Crime Commissioner, Safety Net is a unique educational resource and training programme designed to provide the tools and confidence to engage children and their parents, in a concerted effort to encourage safe online practice in the home.

As the Internet and social media act as the gateway to the adult world, children are increasingly accessing online platforms more and more from an early age. Though they are becoming smarter and growing up computer literate, they are innocent and do not possess the life skills needed to recognise potential dangers. Parents worry about what their children are doing online, yet very few know how to help.

Safety Net embeds the understanding and effective protective behaviour strategies needed to help young people across all year groups stay safe, both online and in the physical world. Adopted by parents, schools, local authorities and multi-agency partnerships across the UK, it is establishing itself as a vital tool in safeguarding children.

Please visit <https://safetynet.skipseducational.org/>.

School Uniform Exchange

Please don't forget the *school uniform exchange*, which is continuing this year! There is a box situated by the gate on the school car park for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! Amy Roobottom continues sorting and collating this. As previously stated, if you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact the school office via shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



Hot Lunch Options – 11 October to 15 October 2021

Lunch options for the forthcoming week are:

NUTRITIONIST APPROVED		WEEK 2 11th Oct, 8th Nov, 29th Nov				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH		Chicken with a side of BBQ sauce	Pork meatballs in a tomato sauce	Roast turkey and stuffing	All day breakfast	Fish fingers
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH		Margherita pizza	Vegetarian Bolognese	Quorn fillet and stuffing	Vegetarian all day breakfast	Quorn nuggets
ACCOMPANIMENTS	5 stars	Herby diced potatoes Garden peas Sweetcorn Salad bar	Pasta Garlic bread Broccoli Carrot batons Salad bar	Roast potatoes Green cabbage Sliced carrots Salad bar	Bread wedge Baked tomatoes Mushrooms Baked beans Salad bar	Chips Sweetcorn Mushy peas Salad bar
DESSERTS		Chocolate sponge and custard	Fruity flapjack	Strawberry jelly and fruit	Shortbread	Fresh fruit and ice cream
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT	5 stars	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt
JACKET POTATOES & SANDWICHES		Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings	Jacket potato and sandwiches with various fillings

Due to the food shortages, the kitchen may have to change the menu at the last minute. Mrs Inger will try her best to keep everyone updated. Many thanks for your understanding.

Golden Ticket Winners – Drive Thru Themed Lunch Day

Thank you to all the children who had a Drive Thru lunch on Thursday and well done to all those who found a Golden Ticket! Below is a list of all the winners. Congratulations to you all!



Year Group	Name	Prize Awarded
Reception	Rupert C, Dahlia L	Goodie Bag
Year 1	Angus B, Lily B	Goodie Bag
Year 2	Reece A, Momina R	Goodie Bag
Year 3	Noah O, Evalyn W	Goodie Bag
Year 4	Keeghan B, Amina H	Goodie Bag
Year 5	Jaiden E, Sophia R	Goodie Bag
Year 6	Charlie J, Alys J	Goodie Bag

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on in our classrooms this week...

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have begun to construct our family book so thank you to everyone who has shared family photos with us! We have also been carrying on with our focussed learning on a storybook, based on the music of 'Carnival of the Animals' by Camille Saint-Saens. The children have made animal sounds with percussion instruments and loved moving like lots of different animals, including using the scarves to represent birds flying.

Reception

The children had a fabulous time exploring the story 'Carnival of the Animals' with music by Camille Saint-Saens. The children were mesmerised by the beautiful animals and orchestra and responded to this through painting. They had a wonderful time using various sized brushes to paint whilst listening to the music. We had some amazing responses as the children embraced the music:



'I feel like I'm in the sky, those swirls are for when it's going slow.'- Charlotte

'Big brown bumps for the loud bangs, the line is for when the music was so quite.'- Ava

'Yellow dots when it went really slow, my big red dots are for the super-fast ones.'- Zayn.

'The dots make me jump when it goes loud, when the music goes fast zig zags.'- Fynn

The children have also enjoyed sharing 'The Colour Monster' story during our jigsaw session and listened very carefully to each other as they expressed a range of emotions. They then went on to photograph each other with their biggest smiles and shared what made them happy. This was a perfect activity for our hello yellow day as the children brightened up the class room with an array of yellow tones!

Year 1

This week the children have had a special visitor in the classroom. During our continuous provision we found a mysterious egg. We built it a nest to keep it safe until it hatched. There was utter destruction when the dinosaur hatched from the egg. I'm sure you will hear all about it! In maths we have been exploring the part-whole model and addition. In history we have been continuing to look at the monarchy, we even re-enacted the famous Battle of Hastings.

Year 2

The hard work and enthusiasm for learning continues in Year 2 this week! The children started off the week in church for the Harvest Festival - Year 2 performed a wonderful poem about the importance of giving to others during Harvest. In English, the children have continued their learning about poetry and have begun writing poems about The Great Fire of London. Everyone in Year 2 worked hard to ensure they included lots of adjectives in their work to make you feel like you were standing in London watching it happen! In Maths the children have tackled column addition and subtraction head on. Miss Martin-Mills was amazed at their skills, and the children can't wait to start adding bigger numbers as the weeks' progress. In the afternoons the children have continued to learn about The Great Fire of London, which included writing about artefacts used to learn about The Gunpowder Plot and writing a diary entry about The Great Fire of London.



Year 3

This week Year 3 have continued learning about The Stone Age. On Tuesday, we learnt about how people found food during this period. We travelled back in time and became hunter-gatherers, gathering a range of plants, berries and seeds that would have been available to people during The Stone Age. Our English lessons link closely with this as we have been reading *The Stone Age Boy*. We focused on word types this week to support us in writing a fantastic setting description of the damp, draughty cave featured in the story. Another week of brilliant learning, well done Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have started their history topic this week, learning all about the Romans which the children have thoroughly enjoyed! We have been using the Roman theme throughout our English lesson where the children are planning to write a newspaper article about a mysterious Roman artefact that has been found in the Year 4 classroom. Having had a wonderful and insightful visit from Ben Boden on Thursday, the children finished off their week by creating their own acrostic Roman poems! Another brilliant week Year 4, well done!

Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about history this week and finding out about the Tudors, especially Henry VIII. The children have created their own Tudor timelines and also found out about a few of Henry VIII's wives. Pupils have continued to learn addition and subtraction in Power Maths and they have been representing calculations as bar models. It has been good to see many children wearing yellow for *Hello Yellow Day* to raise awareness of mental health.

Year 6

What a lovely start to our week with a Harvest celebration assembly at the church, where we had prepared a poem and shared this with the rest of the school. In English, we have continued to explore stories with flashbacks and are beginning to develop our writing skills, ready to write our own version of *The Piano* by Aidan Gibbons. It was National Poetry Day on Thursday and we were very lucky that Ben Boden was able to visit our class and share some of his brilliant poems with us. In maths, we have all been showing resilience when solving problems involving long division. Another great week Year 6, well done!



Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 5+...

Weird but True! 2022

Written by National Geographic Kids

This bulging compendium is loaded with all-new jaw-dropping, eye-popping, brain-bending facts and bright, bold photography! This year it's even bigger with four brand new fact-packed chapters. It pairs the planet's weirdest facts with the coolest and strangest true stories. From strange rocks and baffling bridges to animal astronauts, ice marathons and awesome avocados. Explores animals, geography, science, the environment, human achievement and lots more! The perfect book for fans of Guinness World Records! Whether it's weird words, foul food, yucky creatures, or the world's longest mazes, this 2022 children's annual is sure to entertain!



Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Aleem A	Kaleb G
Year 1	Ava B	Toby N
Year 2	Aleena A	Keyarah B
Year 3	Noah O	Fatimah A
Year 4	Keeghan B	Henry M
Year 5	Archie G	Luke W
Year 6	Pia P	Adam Cr

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Amaya H
Year 1	Harry K
Year 2	Zain A
Year 3	Paige L
Year 4	Millie C
Year 5	Sophie M
Year 6	Ibrahim K

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (<i>Week Ending 08.10.21</i>)	204	185	181	169
Position	1 st – 4 Points	2 nd – 3 Points	3 rd – 2 Points	4 th – 1 Point
Running Total	20	9	12	9

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Year 2 Bhangra Dancing, JTHS	Tuesday 12 th October 2021
PFA Halloween Disco	Friday 15 th October 2021
Final Day for Consent – Flu Vaccination	Friday 15 th October 2021
Flu Vaccination Day	Tuesday 19 th October, 2021
Parents' Evening	Monday 18 th October 2021 Wednesday 20 th October 2021
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021
INSET Day	Monday 1 st November 2021
School Re-Opens	Tuesday 2 nd November 2021
Open Evening	Wednesday 10 th November 2021, 4.30-6.00pm
Odd Socks Day	Monday 15 th November 2021
Year 2 Class Assembly	Thursday 18 th November 2021
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 25 th November 2021
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 1 st December 2021 to Friday 3 rd December 2021 Inclusive
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Thursday 2 nd December 2021
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 3 rd December 2021
Christingle	Monday 6 th December 2021
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 7 th December 2021, 9.15am
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 8 th December 2021, 9.15am
PFA KS1 Christmas Movie Night	Wednesday 8 th December 2021, 3.30pm
PFA KS2 Christmas Movie Night	Thursday 9 th December 2021, 3.30pm
Year 3 Cosy Celebration	Friday 10 th December 2021, 9.15am
KS1 Nativity	Monday 13 th December 2021, 9.15am AND 2.00pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 15 th December 2021
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Lichfield Garrick, Peter Pan	Thursday 16 th December 2021, 1.30pm
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 th December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 th December 2021

Diary Dates 2021-2022

Event	Date/Time
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021
INSET Day	Monday 1 st November 2021
PFA Christmas Fair	Friday 3 rd December 2021
School Closes for Christmas	Thursday 16 th December 2021
INSET Day	Friday 17 th December 2021
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Young Voices	Thursday 27 th January 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 18 th February 2022
INSET Day	Monday 28 th February 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 1 st March 2022
School Closes for Easter	Friday 8 th April 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 9 th May 2022 – Friday 13 th May 2022
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 th May 2022
INSET Day	Monday 6 th June 2022
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 8 th July 2022
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 20 th July 2022

October is **walk** **INTO** school **MONTH**

Get involved and get active by pledging to walk to school at least once a week throughout October.



Walking to school is great for your mental and physical health and also helps the environment!

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